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SUBJ: USCINCSO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET

SUMMARY. CORDIAL CINCSO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET
REVEALED THE LATTER'S WARM REGARD FOR US MILITARY; DESIRE
FOR RENEWAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY TRAINING; AND
STEADFAST OPPOSITION TO VISITS OF OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIVE
GROUPS, WHILE WELCOMING INDIVIDUAL VISITS BY US AND OTHER
FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION IN CHILE
FIRSTHAND. END SUMMARY.

1. LT. GENERAL MCAULIFFE PAID 35 MINUTE CALL ON GENERAL
PINOCHET MORNING OF SEPT 24.

2. AFTER INITIAL PLEASANTRIES IN PRESENCE OF PHOTOGRAPHERS,
GENERAL PINOCHET REMARKED ON HIS STRONG AND FRIENDLY
TIES WITH US MILITARY BUT NOTED PROBLEMS OCCASIONED BY
US CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EARLIER
UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT CHILE'S ABILITY TO USE PRIOR-YEAR
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FMS CREDITS NOW RESOLVED. NEVERTHELESS, HE EXPRESSED

HOPE MILITARY ASSISTANCE COULD BE RESUMED. HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN RESUMPTION OF TRAINING ON THE GROUND CHILE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND OTHER MATERIEL SUPPLIERS BESIDES USG.

3. LT. GENERAL MCAULIFFE ACKNOWLEDGED PROBLEMS AND HOPE OF CHILE'S FRIENDS THAT THESE MIGHT BE RESOLVED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOC AUTHORITIES MIGHT FIND IT POSSIBLE DO SOMETHING MORE TO HELP THEIR US FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON TO HELP THEM. HE OFFERED AS A SUGGESTION POSSIBILITY THAT OUTSIDE GROUP MIGHT BE AUTHORIZED TO VISIT CHILE TO ASSESS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM.

4. PINOCHET THEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED HIS POSITION: THAT THERE NOW IS NO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM; HIS GOVERNMENT'S GENEROUS RELEASE OF "TRAITORS" FROM PRISON; THE IMPROPER BEHAVIOR OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP; CHILE'S VICTIMIZATION BY WORLDWIDE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN; AND THE PROBLEM OF A SIGNIFICANT MINORITY IN CHILE (REFERRED TO AS ABOUT ONE MILLION) OF MARXIST PERSUASION, AND A CHILEAN MARXIST EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY SPREAD THROUGH WORLD CAPITALS WHO HAD WORKED TOGETHER TO CREATE INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH UNHRC WORKING GROUP VISIT. GENERAL PINOCHET SAID THAT TRUMPED UP INCIDENTS DESIGNED TO IMPRESS UNHRC WORKING GROUP (SUDDEN FLOOD OF ASYLEES INTO EMBASSIES, OUTBREAKS OF TERRORIST ACTIONS, FLOODING OF COURTS WITH HABEAS CORPUS PLEAS ON BEHALF FICTITIOUS PERSONS, ETC.) HAD ALL CEASED AS SOON AS HE HAD DENIED ENTRY TO WORKING GROUP.

5. LT. GENERAL MCAULIFFE SUGGESTED THAT IF IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR GOC TO ACCEPT UN INVESTIGATIVE GROUP, PERHAPS IT WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT ONE UNDER DIFFERENT AUSPICES, THE OAS FOR EXAMPLE. GENERAL PINOCHET SAID HE HAD HAD VERY BAD EXPERIENCE WITH THE OAS IN THIS REGARD. ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OAS GROUP HAD BEEN THE FATHER OF AN EXTREMIST, WHILE THE SECRETARY OF THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAD RELEASED CONFIDENTIAL COMMISSION DOCUMENTS FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE.

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6. PRESIDENT SAID HE SUSPECTED THAT MUCH OF PROBLEM IN US IS THAT CHILE IS VICTIM OF POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED PROPAGANDA AS PART OF US ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. HE WOULD HOPE THIS ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILE MIGHT IMPROVE AFTER THE CAMPAIGN. MEANWHILE, GOC HAS EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF US CONGRESS, TO GERMAN AND FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND TO MANY OTHERS. PINOCHET'S POSITION IS THAT ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO SEE WHATEVER THEY WISH IN CHILE,

AS LONG AS THEY COME AS INDIVIDUALS, NOT AS OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIVE GROUPS. CONCERNING MCAULIFFE'S SUGGESTION, PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED CINCSO TO CONVEY THRU HIS AUTHORITIES TO WASHINGTON AN OPEN-ENDED INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO VISIT CHILE INDIVIDUALLY TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES.

7. COMMENT: MEETING WAS ENTIRELY CORDIAL AND ENDED ON WARM AND FRIENDLY NOTE. WHILE NOTHING REALLY NEW EMERGED, THIS HARD LINE IN PRIVATE -- ESSENTIALLY REJECTING ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW -- IS CONSISTENT WITH PINOCHET'S RECENT PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. THE PRESIDENT'S INTRANSIGENCE WITH REGARD TO OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIVE BODIES INDICATES EARLY PROGRESS IN THAT AREA IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH THERE APPEARS TO BE THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME OPENING ON THIS CONGRESSIONAL APPROACH WHICH GENERAL MCAULIFFE AND WE BELIEVE WARRANTS FOLLOW-UP.
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